

owner. Despite battling ALS, she considers herself lucky because she is one of the precious few who has survived more than 5 years since her diagnosis. ALS affected her ability to function but it did not take away her ability to work for improvement. As an entrepreneur, she took on living with ALS with the very same grit, fortitude, and determination that she used to build and grow her business.

These three Floridians show so much strength and hope in the face of adversity, and I thank them for their many contributions to the ALS community and to our State.

Last year, Congress passed the ALS Disability Insurance Act to eliminate the 5-month waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for disabled workers with ALS. I was proud to support this important legislation and will keep working to support Floridians with ALS and help to fight this horrible disease on all fronts.●

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP DOUGLAS MILES

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a beloved pastor, an inspirational leader, and a lion for justice: Bishop Douglas Miles. He passed away on August 3 of this year at the age of 72, and I would like to take this time to honor his life and his legacy.

Bishop Miles was a lifelong Marylander, born in Baltimore City and raised in Lafayette Courts in East Baltimore. By the time he entered Johns Hopkins University as an undergraduate, he had determined that he would become a doctor and set out to earn his medical degree. He wanted to serve the weak and heal the sick. It was an auspicious career choice because, while he eventually switched majors and earned his degree in humanistic studies, Bishop Miles would commit five decades of his life to serving and to healing communities across Baltimore.

He first embarked on that mission by helping to found the organization Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development, or BUILD, where he served as cochair. In this role, Bishop Miles fought to build a better and stronger Baltimore for all by expanding job opportunities, supporting schools, strengthening neighborhoods, and improving housing. His efforts to force real action on housing at BUILD resulted in the construction of at least 767 affordable homes throughout the city over a 14-year span, and his leadership was pivotal in revitalizing the Oliver neighborhood in East Baltimore after a tragic fire that claimed seven lives.

When he wasn't pushing for progress with BUILD and the many other organizations he helped lead, including the Industrial Areas Foundation, the College Bound Foundation, and the Johns Hopkins BLocal initiative, he was run-

ning his beloved Koinonia Baptist Church, which he founded in 1992. As pastor, he used his gift for oratory and his deep religious faith to guide his congregation with spirit and grace. He was a titanic force, who could command an audience with equal vigor at the pulpit, the podium, and the policy table.

But regardless of whether he was delivering a sermon on the scriptures or leading a rally for social change, Bishop Miles always spoke his mind and lived his values fully. Just a few weeks ago, I met with him and a group of advocates about how to close the racial homeownership gap in this country and help every American achieve their full potential. He dedicated his life to holding the powerful to account and raising the voices of those who had too often been left out and left behind. I was honored to work with him over the years to strengthen our healthcare system, expand access to affordable housing, and prevent teen tobacco use, and I am forever grateful for his leadership on a host of other issues from gun violence to education to public safety to immigration. His dedication to the causes he held dear left an indelible mark on our communities, and you can find proof of his lifelong service in the countless lives he changed for the better throughout Baltimore City.

He is gone too soon, but his legacy and his spirit live on in all the Marylanders he helped shape and inspire, both as a faith leader and as an advocate for justice. Bishop Miles taught all of us what it means to live a life dedicated to serving your community, and it is a lesson we must never forget. In living, he inspired a generation to fight harder for those in need. In passing, his memory will continue to push future generations to serve and to heal, as he did.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Rules and Administration pursuant to S. Res. 27, 117th Congress, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big

money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1847. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Director, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1848. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Director, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1849. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of Executive Order 12938 concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1850. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Impact of the 2021 Juneteenth Holiday on Certain Closed-End Mortgage Requirements" (12 CFR Part 1026) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1851. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979 that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1852. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1853. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1854. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1855. A communication from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2020 Annual Report on Preservation and Promotion of